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TOPIC Military Information from Wuensdorf-Zossen

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1. Observations made in the Wuensdorf-Zossen (N 53/7 91) post prior to 11 October 1952 were indicative of a transfer of all or some of the Soviet offices there. [redacted] elements of the headquarters would probably be transferred in the near future. Construction work in Wuensdorf was no longer sped up after mid-September. Only the most necessary construction work was completed. Enlargement work at the railroad station was stopped. The Blue Express which originally was to have pulled out from Wuensdorf, now originates from another railroad station. At the end of September, the Russian women employed with a Soviet office gathered for a secret meeting which allegedly dealt with the subject of a large-scale transfer. [redacted] the headquarters will either be transferred to Frankfurt/Oder and/or Potsdam. Orders regarding the employment or discharge of German work personnel in Wuensdorf-Zossen were given by Lieutenant Colonel Vdovinn (fmu), in Leipzig, who probably is a field grade MVD officer. Lieutenant Colonel Toshchev (fmu) has allegedly been in Moscow for several weeks.²

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3. Security measures in the restricted area of Wuensdorf Zossen were intensified again after 29 September. Trucks driven by German drivers were taken over by Russians at the gates as German drivers were no longer permitted to enter the restricted area. [redacted] an order valid for all East Germany, according to which all Germans working in Soviet restricted areas were to be replaced by Russians. This order is being carried out only gradually, depending on the individual unit commander and the possibilities of suitable replacements.

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4. During the period from 13 to 16 October, quarters for 800 to 900 personnel of the tank repair shop in the Panzertruppenschule, and 400 troops of a motor transport unit with 70 motor vehicles were observed in the Lutz Ascerne on the east side of Highway No 96. About 65 trucks [redacted] of the transport unit left the installation toward Zossen at 16 a.m. on 13 October.⁴

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[REDACTED] 5. On 11 October, only little vehicular traffic was observed going into or departing from the Stammlager Zossen on the east side of Highway No 96. Four 85-mm AA guns were still emplaced in the southern sector of the billeting area. Two huts with antennas had been constructed there. On 11 October, a VP member looked for a private room in Zossen. He was the driver of a government sedan that brought government officials to the Stammlager for meetings which most of the time lasted throughout the night. Motor vehicles seen in traffic from and to the northern sector of the Stammlager [REDACTED]

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6. At noon on 6 October, a train carrying 15 trucks, each with a pontoon, 1 motorboat, and 50 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia was at the Zossen railroad station. The train had come from the direction of Mitterbog.

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[REDACTED] At 10 a.m. on 13 October, a convoy

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of 60 trucks covered with tarpaulins, apparently with no load, and driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and motor transport insignia, moved along Highway No 96 from the direction of Wuensdorf and proceeded toward Zossen

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[REDACTED] 7. On 6 October, the Cambrai Kaserne on the east side of Highway No 96 was still occupied by an AAA unit wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or motor transport insignia, a unit wearing black-bordered black epaulets and a motor vehicle repair shop, with the troops totaling 1,700 to 1,900 men. An AAA emplacement near building No 171 was observed to be occupied by 6 x 37-mm AA guns. Another AAA emplacement with 5 guns of undetermined caliber was about 200 meters north of building No 171. Seventeen 85-mm AA guns were lined up in two rows near building No 170 which quartered troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets. [REDACTED] building No 186 quartered a headquarters, as numerous officers were seen in the offices there.

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Glass was unloaded from truck [REDACTED] which was driven by a soldier with black-bordered black epaulets. Afterwards the truck drove toward garages Nos 174 and 176. About 100 soldiers were engaged in athletic exercises, 30 soldiers practiced marching in review with rifles and fixed bayonets, in the area of building No 170. Alert practices were held in the AAA emplacement near building No 171.

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9. On 3 October, the AAA emplacement west of Stamm Lager Zossen and east of the railroad line consisted of AA guns of about 85 mm caliber.

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1. Comment. [redacted] observations indicative of a transfer in September 1952. [redacted] The present report tends to indicate that, possibly, administrative or supply offices will be transferred to Frankfurt/Oder or Potsdam.

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2. Lieutenant Colonel A.Y. Toshchev belongs to the central trading section of the COFG in Wuensdorf. According to the last report [redacted] he was to have been reassigned.

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3. Comment. [redacted]

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[redacted] repeatedly identified in Potsdam, and was previously mentioned by the same source as belonging to the prosecuting authority.

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[redacted] belongs to the Chief of Supply and Administration Services, COFG, formerly in Potsdam, now in Wuensdorf.

[redacted] belongs to the trading section of the SCC in Potsdam.

[redacted] presumably belongs to a unit of the COFG.

[redacted] belongs to the finance section of the COFG.

[redacted] reported for the first time.

[redacted] presumably belongs to a supply office in the Berlin area.

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4. Comment. In addition to the units [redacted] elements of the 2d Gds AAA Div are carried in the Lutz Kaserne.

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5. Comment. The occupation of the Stamm Lager Zossen has not been definitely determined.

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6. Comment. [redacted] the unit belongs to the 131st Gds Engr Bn of the 10th Gds Tank Div which, on 4 October, was loaded at the Satzkorn railroad station for shipment to Sterkow.

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7. Comment. [redacted] probably the same transport unit of the COFG which was observed [redacted] paragraph 4 to leave their quarters in the Lutz Kaserne.

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8. Comment. [redacted] vehicles of the 2d Gds AAA Div.

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The information again confirms the occupation of the Cambrai Kaserne by heavy elements of the 2d Gds AAA Div, which presumably include the division headquarters and the repair shop. [redacted]

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